

Appl. No. 10/709,550  
Amdt. dated April 14, 2006  
Reply to Office action of February 23, 2006

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

1. Rejection of claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b):

Claims 1 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by King et al (King; US 2003/0044042).

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**Response:**

Independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to overcome these rejections. Claims 1 and 9 now contain limitations previously found in claims 2 and 10, respectively. Claims 2 and 10 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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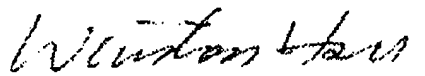
Claims 4, 5, 12, 13, 15, and 21-24 are dependent on claims 1 and 9, and should be allowed if claims 1 and 9 are allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13, 15, and 21-24 is respectfully requested.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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